

Amendments to the Drawings:

The two attached sheets of drawings includes changes to FIGS. 1 and 2.

Attachment: 2 Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges, with appreciation, the indication in the Office Action dated March 11, 2005 that dependent claims 12, 25, 29, 33 and 48 contain allowable subject matter. Claims 1-11, 13-23, 26, 27, 30, 31, 34-47, 49-59 are now pending, with claims 1, 2, 14, 23, 27 and 31 being the independent claims. The Specification has been amended. The drawings have been amended. The Abstract of the Disclosure has been amended. Claims 12, 48, 24, 25, 28, 29, 32 and 33 have been canceled. Independent claims 1 and 14 have been amended to incorporate the subject matter of dependent claim 12, respectively. Independent claim 2 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of dependent claim 48. Independent claim 23 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of dependent claim 25. Independent claim 27 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of dependent claims 28 and 29. Independent claim 31 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of dependent claims 32 and 33. Since these claims were indicated to contain allowable subject matter, as noted previously, Applicants submit that independent claims 1, 2, 14, 23, 27 and 31, which are the only pending independent claims, are now in condition for allowance. The remaining claims all depend from these independent claims and are therefore allowable because the independent claims are allowable. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The drawings were objected to by the Examiner. Specifically, the Examiner has stated that "(i) items 3 and 6 in Fig. 2 require labels, and (ii) Fig. 1 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art--". In response to these objections, Applicant has amended the drawings to address each specific objection. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections are in order.

The Abstract of the Disclosure has been objected to due to its length. In response to this objection, Applicant has provided a substitute Abstract. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are therefore in order.

The Disclosure has been objected to based on the failure to include section headings. In response to this objection, Applicant has amended the specification to include the required section headings. Consequently, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are in order.

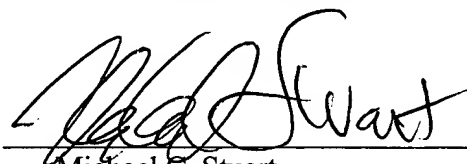
Claims 1-51 were objected to based on certain informalities. In response to this objection, Applicant has amended the claims in a manner that is believed to address each specific objection. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-51 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. In response to this rejection, Applicant has amended the claims in a manner that is believed to address each specific rejection. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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